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Wonsook,

I am looking for a contact for BIA with a question related to an area in the Eastern Agency and Karen Goldberg gave me your name and contact information. If you are not the right person to contact, would you be able to tell me who might be?

Our Superfund program has been looking at a group of abandoned uranium mines in the area of the Baca/Prewitt chapter, and McKinley County, New Mexico. There is one parcel of land that Navajo Land Department believes is part of Navajo Nation, but it seems to be held by either BIA or BLM. It is not part of the reservation and is not allotment land. It had been subject to various withdrawals at different periods of time, and right now it seems to be subject to PLO 2198, which apparently was intended to facilitate land consolidation for the Navajo Nation. However, we have not been able to determine what the current status of the land is, or which agency to contact with regards to access and other issues. The land in question is SE ¼ Section 13, T13N, R11W.

I am hoping you or someone else at DOI might be able to provide some information on the status of this parcel.

Thanks in advance for any assistance you can offer. Please feel free to give me a call if you want to discuss.

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